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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR DAVID ABSHIRE

REF: A. STATE 109906 B. TEHRAN 3900

1. INFORM ABSHIRE THAT NIOC, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION BETWEEN NIOC CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGING DIRECTOR EQBAL AND SHAH, HAVE DESIGNATED MR. NAGHI BANIRIAH TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. BANIRIAH IS DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE DIVISION OF AFFILIATED COMPANIES AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE NIOC AND ENJOYS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH EQBAL. BANIRIAH HAS 22 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE OIL INDUSTRY AND HAS BEEN A CENTRAL FIGURE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CONSORTIUM AND JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES. HE IS WELL INFORMED, SELF-CONFIDENT MAN WHO HAS PERFORMED WELL BEFORE SUCH AUDIENCES AS NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE. HE HAS RECEIVED ALL OF MATERIALS AND LETTERS ABSHIRE HAS PROVIDED US INCLUDING RECENT ABSHIRE/ MINA LETTER.

2. NIOC AND BANIRIAH URGENTLY REQUEST ABSHIRE CABLE OR TELEX BANIRIAH (ADDRESS: NAFTMELLI, TEHRAN) CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND PRECISE ISSUE ON WHICH BANIRIAH SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY PREPARED. CABLE OR TELEX MUST REACH BANIRIAH BEFORE 1300 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20. BANIRIAH CAN BE REACHED THROUGH NIOC U. S. REPRESENTATIVE GHAFARI IN NEW YORK BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 22 BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL GCN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, NIOC AND BANIRIAH WANT FULL INFORMATION TOLYEECH HIMHOEFOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM TEHRAN.

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